

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER



The Battle in which we are all engaged

Whether we know it or not, there is a battle going on in each of our lives between good and evil. Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979) used to say that at the end of this battle, meaning the end of our earthly lives, we will hear one of two voices say to us, “You are mine”. And it will either be the voice of Our Lord or the voice of the Devil. We hope it will be the former! By His Passion, Death and Resurrection Our Lord has already won the battle and won all the graces we need to be saved. But we have to *choose* Christ and the salvation He offers by fighting against sin and temptation. **This is an ongoing battle and one which we will be engaged in until the day we die.**

It is important to say that although the topic of Hell and its punishments is very unpopular today and is often just dismissed, it is a **revealed doctrine**, and JESUS speaks of it many times in the New Testament. It is a sobering reality and He clearly wants us to know about it. JESUS loves us all very much and doesn't want anyone to spend eternity separated from Him (which is what Hell is), but at the same time He respects our **free will**. Hence the many warnings He gives us including the one in today's Gospel. If a priest were never to mention this topic it would be a serious omission however much the thought of it might repel us.

When Our Lord says today, *“If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out...”* (Mark 9:43), He means that if anything impedes your entry into the Kingdom of Heaven, or if there's some obstacle to you being united with God forever in eternal joy and happiness, you need to **repent now**, root out the sin and avoid the occasions and circumstances that can lead you to this sin. **Our Lady of Fatima** came with the same message in 1917. So this is something we need to take seriously. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

*“The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of **mortal sin** descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, “eternal fire.” The*

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 25th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Jean Finn (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 26th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 27th St Vincent de Paul (Memoria)
9.15am Moira Webb (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 28th St Wenceslaus (Memoria)
9.15am Ken Gillham (RIP)

Weds 29th Dedication of St Michael, Archangel
6.30pm George Njie (RIP) (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 30th St Jerome (Memoria)
9.15am Connie Moulton (RIP)

Fri 1st St Thérèse of Lisieux (Memoria) (First Friday)
6.30pm Our Deceased Relatives & Friends – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 2nd Guardian Angels (Memoria) (Five First Saturdays)
10.00am Vera Cunningham (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**
-12.30pm *Baptism*
2.30pm
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 3rd 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rosary Sunday)
9.00am Angela Brienza (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Amanda Giorgio (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass

Fr Simon is spending a few days in hospital having some tests on his heart. He is in good spirits and feels well but would appreciate prayers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday, 1st October. Money raised will go towards helping the poorest communities in the world affected by the climate crisis. There are envelopes at the back of the church which will be collected next weekend.

Please pray for those who have recently died

Andrew Carr
 Vera Cunningham
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Giuseppina Di Cosmo
 Margaret Kuzniar
 Eileen Scott
 Donald Folkes
 Joan Slevin
 Patrick Lynch
 June Upton
 Arthur Spencer
 Ian Yeomans

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

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chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.” (CCC #1034-1035).

So knowing about the judgement every human being faces at death, and knowing we have to give an account to God of all our actions - of every thought, word, deed and omission should spur us on. **Now is the time of repentance and amendment of life while we have the opportunity.** If we have sought God’s mercy and forgiveness in this life and tried our best to be faithful to Him, our sins will be cast aside. **So do make regular use of the Sacrament of Confession.** But let us not allow **presumption of salvation** to lull us to sleep. As St Augustine (354-430) put it, *“Do not despair – one of the thieves was saved. Do not presume – one of the thieves was damned.”*

Let us each reflect then on our own lives to see if anything is leading us in the wrong direction and away from God, and if so to take steps to remedy the situation and live in the grace of Christ, particularly through confession of our sins, so that when we are called from this life we may hear the voice of JESUS say to us, “You are mine”.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Rosary Sunday

Next Sunday, **3rd October** is Rosary Sunday and it is permitted to celebrate one Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary which will be at the 11.15am Mass. The Readings will be of the Sunday. *Fr Paul*

Grub Club

The Grub Club team continued to support families of children at Loughborough primary schools during the summer holidays. Because of Covid regulations we were unable to offer activities and a sit-down meal so we distributed a wide variety of food items to a small number of families. Our thanks to those parishioners who donated and volunteered. We now need to rethink our future community participation as a Catholic Social Action Group and will hold a meeting in the new year. Watch this space! *The Grub Club team*

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11th October

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES

The Diocese of Nottingham has the following vacancies:

Safeguarding Officer/ Caseworker

Role: to promote excellent safeguarding practice, provide advice and respond to safeguarding referrals and allegations.

Hours: 3 days pw (24 hours)

Salary: £32,000 pa pro rata (£19,200 pa)

Safeguarding Training Officer

Role: to deliver training courses across the diocese to raise awareness of safeguarding children and adults.

Hours: 3 days pw (24 hours)

Salary: £28,000 pa pro rata (£16,800 pa)

Application packs available via <https://uk.indeed.com/safeguarding-jobs-in-nottingham>

For full job descriptions

visit <http://stmarysloughborough.org.uk/news>

Closing date: 17/10/21

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Leader: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs of mourning, and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Do you want to become a Catholic or are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

The new RCIA group for enquirers will begin on **Thursday 30th September** at 7pm in the library and will meet fortnightly. If there is anyone else interested in joining please let me know as soon as possible. There is no obligation that anyone taking the course must become a Catholic at the end of it. *Fr Paul*

From the Saints

"If you would be quite sure of your salvation, strive to be among the fewest of the few. Do not follow the majority of mankind, but follow those who renounce the world and never relax their efforts day or night so that they may attain everlasting blessedness."

(St Anselm of Canterbury, ca. 1033-1109)



Pre-booking places for Weekend Masses

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

07554 603972

**Thursday & Friday
4pm – 6.30pm**

PLEASE NOTE: It is **no longer necessary** to book places for **weekday Masses**.

Please do not phone the Presbytery. A pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £437, of which £109 was gift-aided

Home Mission Sunday: £182

Standing orders: £840 @31/07, of which £746 was gift-aided

Mass attendance: 285
